GET ME...
SOLO
THE NEW MAN WAR ON TERROR
HAWTHORNE
MARVEL #3
DUGGAN
THORNE
DIAZ
SILVA

James Bourne was an elite special forces soldier chosen to undergo an operation that gave him the ability to teleport and made him a one man war on terror. Now, after a series of losses and betrayals, Bourne is striking out on his own, becoming the anti-terrorism vigilante known only as...

THE ONE MAN WAR ON TERROR

Previously...

Solo is the best of the best...but no one else knows it. In fact, S.H.I.E.L.D. Commander Dum Dum Dugan thinks he's "expendable," so he's sent Solo on a dead-end mission. Agent Stokes was embedded with extraterrestrial weapons dealers the Zoo Crew, but his cover as "Otter" was just about blown. He needed an extraction...from the Zoo Crew's jacked-up weaponized base...in the middle of a major arms deal. Solo was killing the mission to save Stokes until he activated the security system, which killed Stokes.

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"WELL. IT'S OFFICIAL. STOKES IS OFFICIALLY ON MY REDACTED LIST."

"SIR?"

AGENT GOES OUT. WE GIVE HIM A CHECK-IN SCHEDULE FOR MISSION STATUS UPDATES, SITREPS, ALL OF THE ABOVE.

SIR, STOKES KNOWS THE PROTOCOL. HE'S ONLY A FEW MINUTES OFF TIME.

"A FEW MINUTES"? DO YOU KNOW HOW LONG IT TOOK FOR THE RED SKULL'S GOOSESTEPPERS TO HEM IN ME AND THE HOWLERS IN THAT DAMNED TOWER IN THE BALKANS?

I'M AFRAID WE'RE NOT UP TO DATE ON EVERY MISSION THE HOWLING COMMANDOS--

SHUT. UP. RHETORICAL.

A FEW MINUTES IS THE FALL OF SYMKARIA. A FEW MINUTES IS HYDRA OVERRUNNING MANHATTAN.

WE GOT TWO DUCKS IN THE WATER. OBVIOUSLY STOKES CAN'T GET IT TOGETHER TO CALL HOME RIGHT NOW.

SO, FOR GOD'S SAKE, SOMEBODY PICK UP WHATEVER WE'RE USING FOR A SAT PHONE AROUND THIS PLACE AND--

"--GET ME SOLO!"
HYENA! DINGO! COME ON. DEFINITELY SAW OTTER CHASING SOMEONE DOWN THIS WAY!
CHASING SOMEONE? SOMEONE WHO?
THINK I KNOW? THE DOOM DOGS WERE AFTER WHOEVER IT IS.
THEN WHOEVER IT WAS IS DEAD.
NEGATORY. IT TOOK BOTH OF THEM OUT.
BOTH? MAN, LEO IS GONNA BE PISSED.
YEAH. WELL, I'M ALREADY THERE. THIS SMOKE STINKS LIKE A MONTH OF PIG GUTS.
OTTER! YO! OTTER!
I HATE THIS HORROR MOVIE REDACTED.
WHERE THE HELL ARE YOU, YOU LITTLE RAT TRAP BAG OF BONES? OTTER!
I'M NOT LIKING THIS, BROTHERS. SOMETHING AIN'T RIGHT.

HYENA! WEST SIDE. DINGO, EAST. TELL THE BROTHERS TO RING THE PLACE AND WALK IN TO THE CENTER.

ANYBODY OR ANYTHING LOOKS HINKY, PUT IT ON *ICE*. GET IT?

ON IT, BEAR.

IT'S GOT!

LEO. LEO, YOU THERE? YOU HEAR ME? DAMN.

EXPLOSIONS MUST HAVE SCRAMBLED THE COMMS. WE GOTTA--

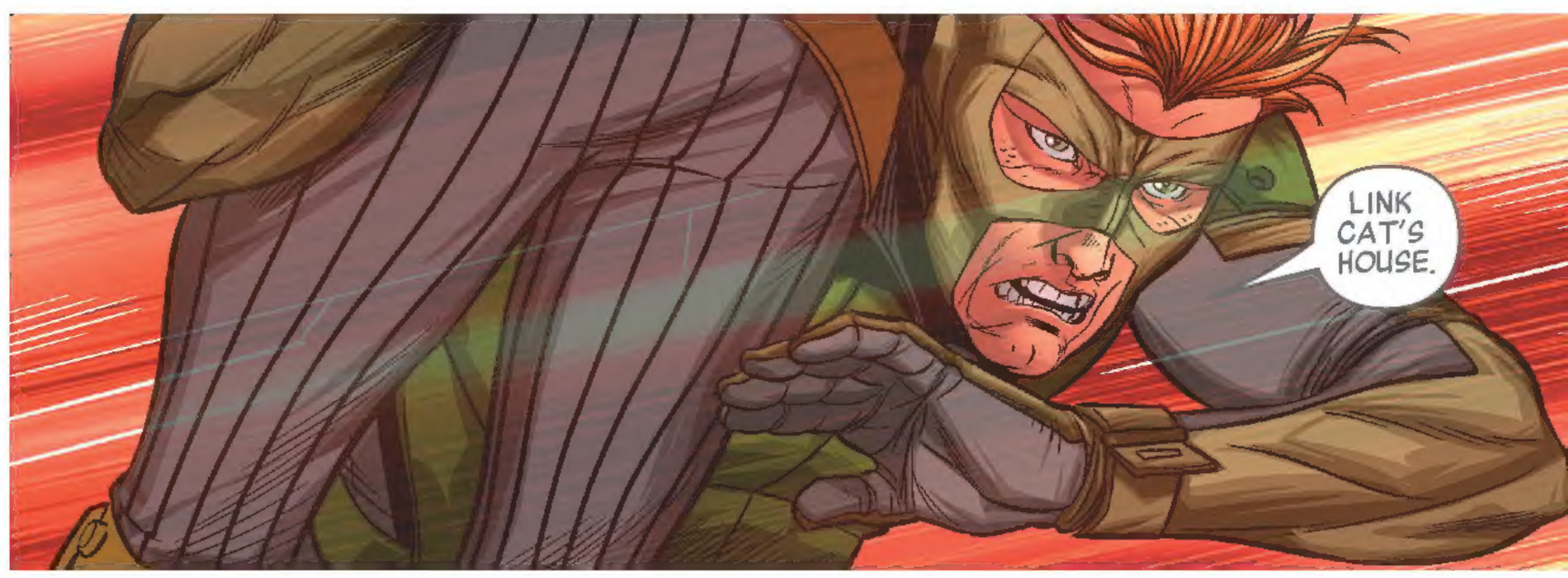
BREEP BREEP

AAAAAHH!

BLAM KA-BLAM BLAM BLAM

...YEAH...
SOMETHING DEFINITELY AIN'T RIGHT.

BREEP BREEP
THIS IS SOLO.
SOLO! IT'S DUGAN! WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON WITH THE MISSION? STOKES MISSED HIS CHECK-IN AND YOU--
NOT A GOOD TIME. I'LL CALL YOU BACK.
BREEP


LINK CAT'S HOUSE.

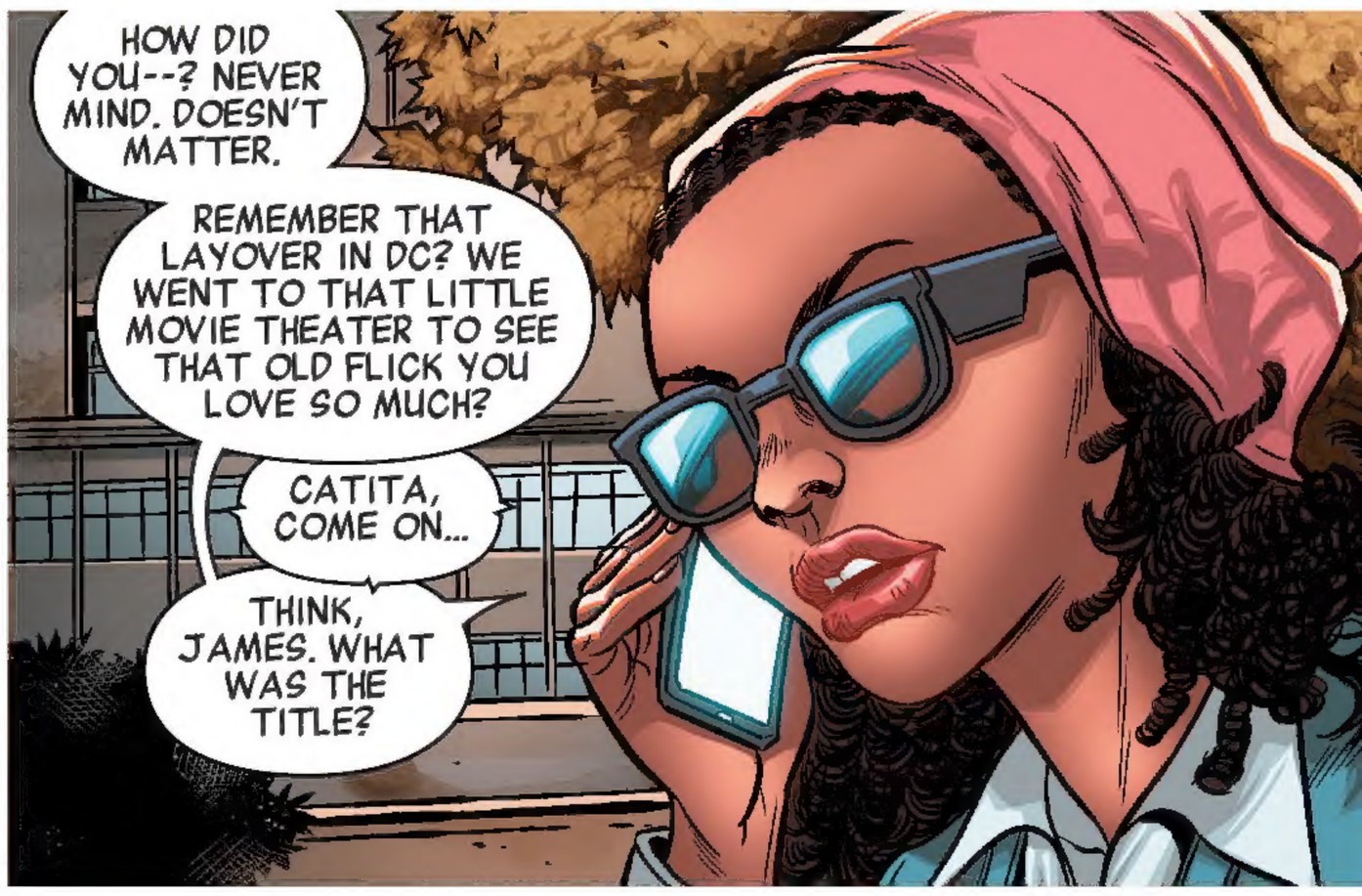
WHO'S THE SILLIEST? WHO'S THE SILLIEST? IT'S YOU!
BAH!
CATITA. I KNOW WE'RE NEVER GOING TO BE TOGETHER AGAIN. I ACCEPT THAT. BUT DO YOU WANT OUR BEAUTIFUL CHILD TO NEVER KNOW HER CHARMING FATHER?

YOU'RE CAUGHT, RIGHT? YOU WENT IN ALL COCKY AND GOT CAUGHT.

DEFINE "CAUGHT."
I LINKED UP WITH THE CONTACT BUT THINGS ARE GOING A LITTLE SOUTH RIGHT AT THE MOMENT AND I THOUGHT--

I'M GUESSING YOU FOUND SOME COVER BUT THERE'S A CLOCK ON THE HOSTILES GRABBING YOU UP?
ROGER THAT. COVER IS DEFINITELY TEMPORARY.
HOW MANY ARE ON YOU?

GONNA SAY... ALL OF THEM. I THINK ABOUT FORTY WARM BODIES AND MAYBE A COUPLE DOOM DOGS.
FINE. WHATEVER. YOU STILL GOT THAT IMAGE INDUCER, RIGHT?
I GOT TWO. ONE'S A MARK VI.


HOW DID YOU--? NEVER MIND. DOESN'T MATTER.
REMEMBER THAT LAYOVER IN DC? WE WENT TO THAT LITTLE MOVIE THEATER TO SEE THAT OLD FLICK YOU LOVE SO MUCH?
CATITA, COME ON...
THINK, JAMES. WHAT WAS THE TITLE?

...YOJIMBO.
I REDACTED LOVE YOU, CATITA.

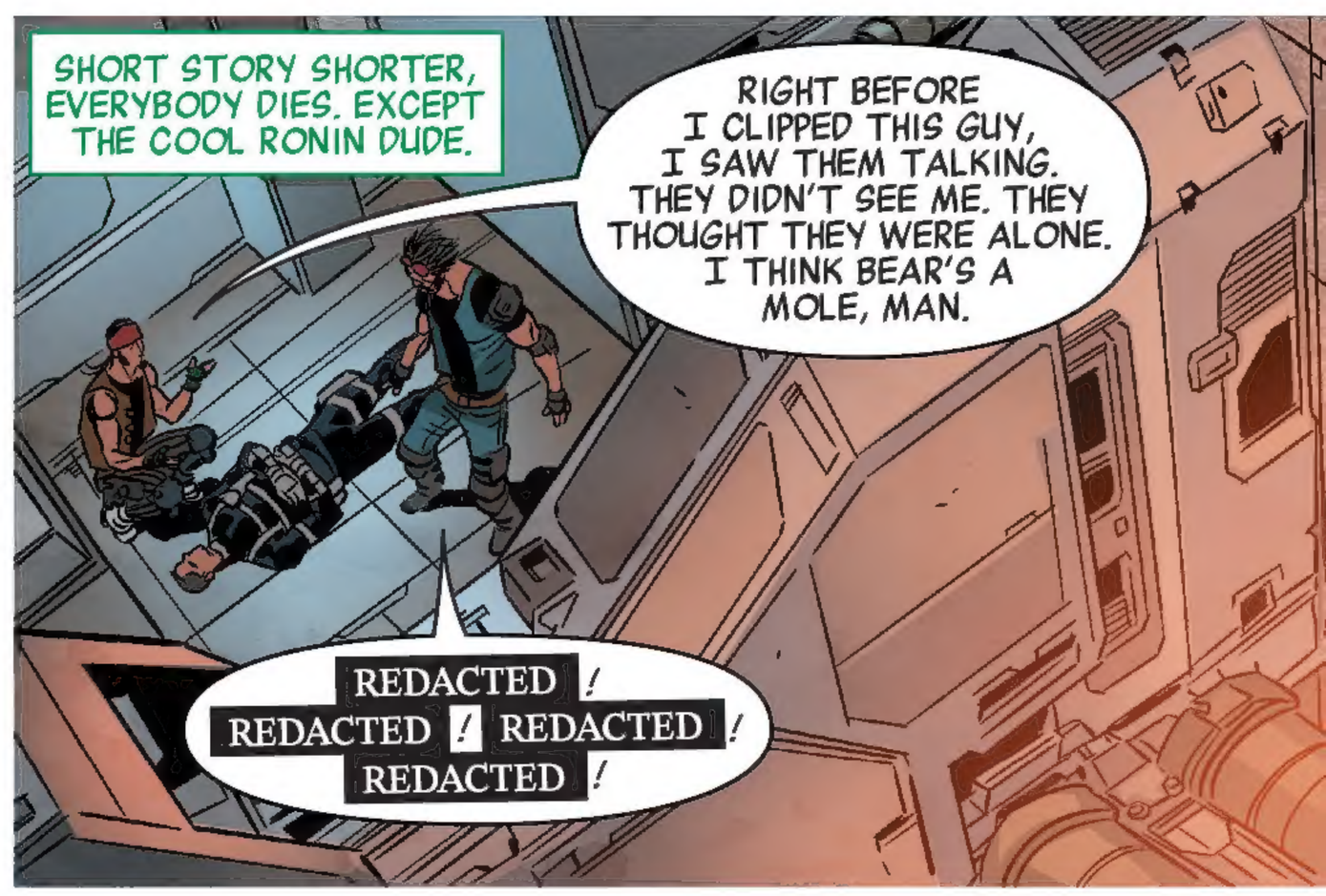
SOLO SECRET #438: SOLO'S FAVORITE MOVIE IS *YOJIMBO* (1961), STARRING TOSHIRO MIFUNE. DIRECTED BY AKIRA KUROSAWA.

TIGER! KODIAK! YOU'RE ON CROWD CONTROL. MAKE SURE THE CLIENTS DON'T GET TETCHY.

BOTH CRIME BOSSES TRY TO HIRE THE RONIN GUY AS A BODYGUARD.

WHAT THE REDACTED REDACTED ?!

SHHH! KEEP IT LOW, MAN. CHILL.

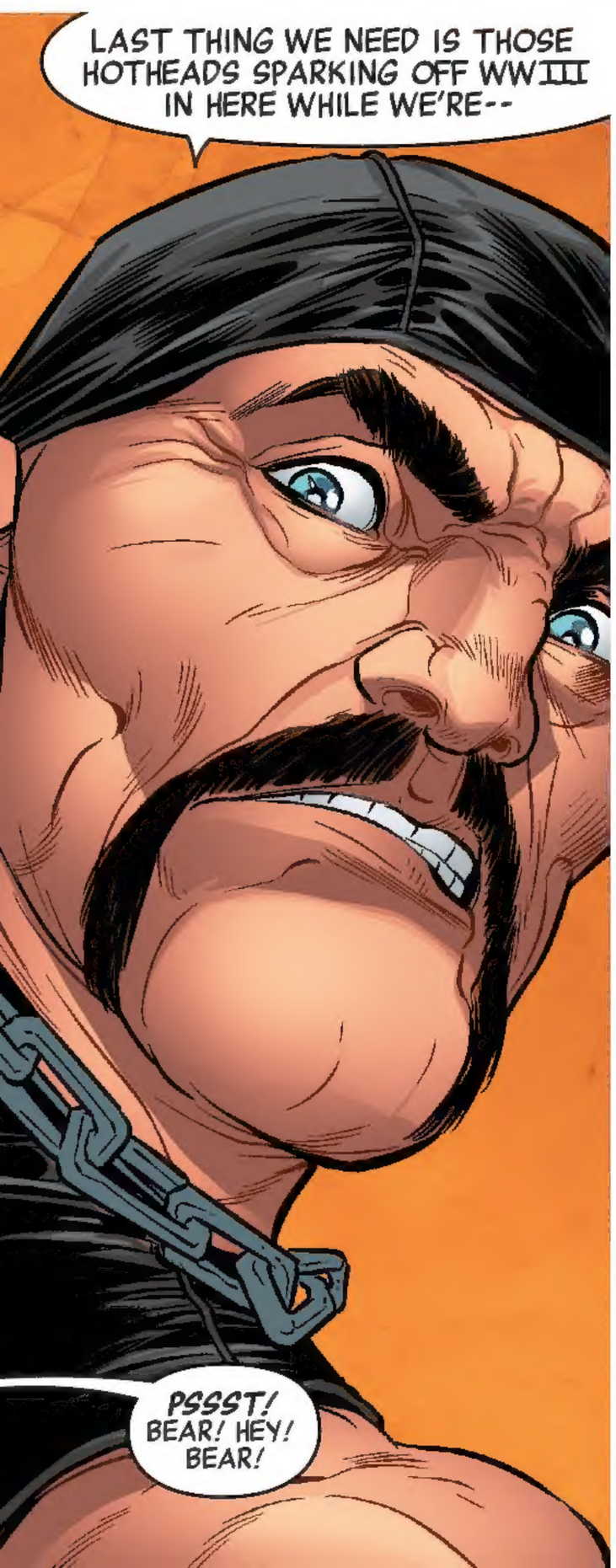


SOLO SECRET #10: JAMES BOURNE WAS A HIGH SCHOOL THESPIAN.

HYENA! DINGO! WHAT DID I SAY ABOUT KEEPING THE NIGANDANS AND THE SYMKARIANS AWAY FROM EACH OTHER?

YOU NIGANDANS WILL PAY FOR INTERFERING WITH THAT THING THAT TIME!

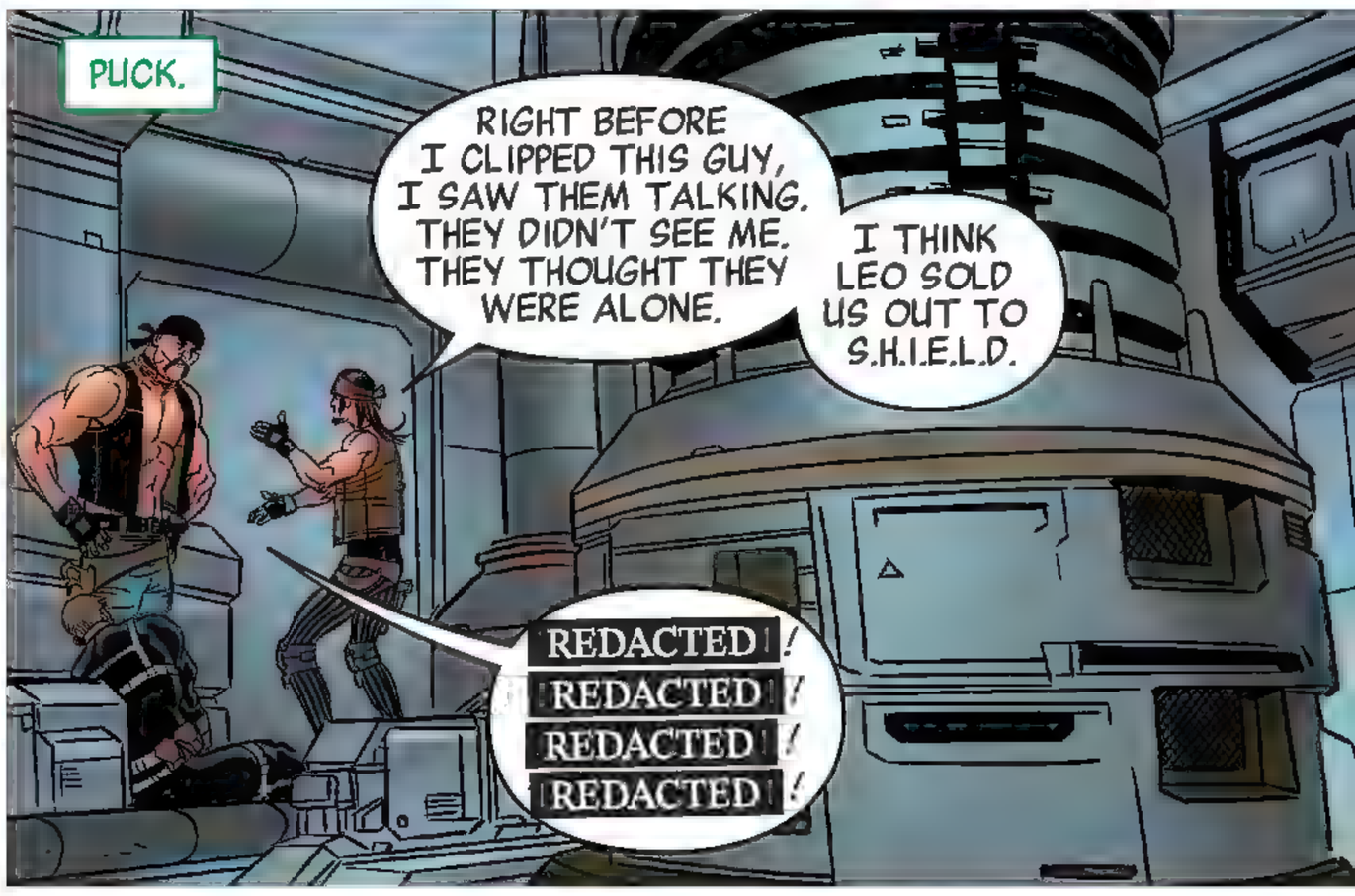
WE WERE NOWHERE NEAR THAT SITUATION! WE ADMIT NOTHING!



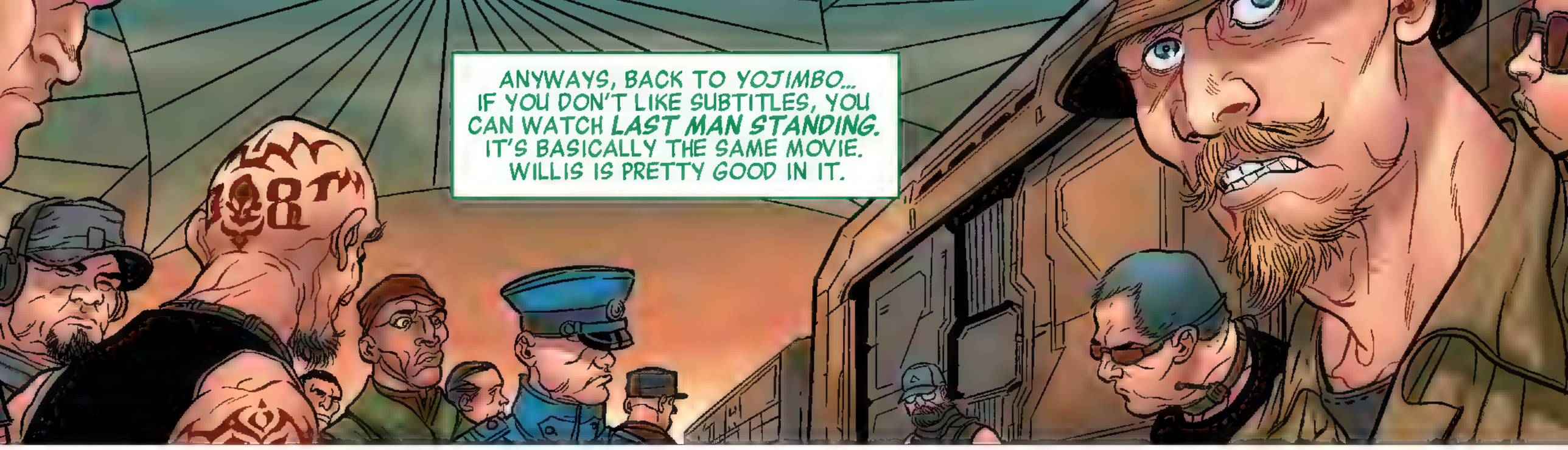
FAVORITE PLAYS: RICHARD II. JULIUS CAESAR. OTHELLO.
HOLY REDACTED REDACTED!
SHHH! KEEP IT LOW, MAN. CHILL.

THIS GUY'S A FREAKING S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENT!
YEAH. I KNOW THAT. THIS IS BIG, RIGHT?
MAN, LEO IS GOING TO REDACTED A BRICK!

FAVORITE CHARACTERS: RICHARD III. CASSIUS. HAMLET'S UNCLE.
THAT'S THE THING, MAN. I THINK LEO'S IN ON IT WITH HIM.
WHAT? LEO? ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?


PUCK.
RIGHT BEFORE I CLIPPED THIS GUY, I SAW THEM TALKING. THEY DIDN'T SEE ME. THEY THOUGHT THEY WERE ALONE.
I THINK LEO SOLD US OUT TO S.H.I.E.L.D.
REDACTED! REDACTED! REDACTED! REDACTED!

TOP FAVORITE CHARACTER? IAGO.
RIGHT. STASH THE STIFF. LOCK AND LOAD. I'LL GET THE BOYS TOGETHER.
THEN WE'RE ALL GONNA GO SEE LEO.


ANYWAYS, BACK TO YOJIMBO... IF YOU DON'T LIKE SUBTITLES, YOU CAN WATCH LAST MAN STANDING. IT'S BASICALLY THE SAME MOVIE. WILLIS IS PRETTY GOOD IN IT.

BEAR!
HEY, LEO.

THINK YOU AND ME NEED A POWWOW.
IF THAT MEANS YOU'RE GONNA COME CLEAN WITH HOW YOU BEEN REDACTED US, YEAH, WE NEED TO.

SO, THIS IS HOW YOU MAKE YOUR BIG MOVE, HUH, BROTHER?

YOU AIN'T NO BROTHER OF MINE!

LEO SOLD US OUT! HE BROKE HIS OATH TO THE FAMILY! HE PUT US IN DANGER!

FRIENDS. BROTHERS. CUSTOMERS. I *STARTED* THE ZOO FAMILY. I BUILT THIS MARKET. I AM THE *KING* OF THIS JUNGLE.

NO ONE'S IN DANGER. KEEP BUYING. WE'LL KEEP SUPPLYING. THIS IS A LITTLE FAMILY ISSUE WE'RE WORKING OUT.

"ISSUES"? WHAT ABOUT *S.H.I.E.L.D., LEO?* WHAT ABOUT YOU SELLING US OUT!

WHO'S BEEN TALKING IN YOUR EAR, BEAR? WHO'S BEEN TELLING YOU STORIES?

ARE YOU SERIOUS? YOU WANT ME TO GET OTTER OUT HERE SO HE CAN--

WHAT? WHAT DID YOU DO TO OTTER?

OH, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD--

ZAMM
--CUT TO THE CHASE!
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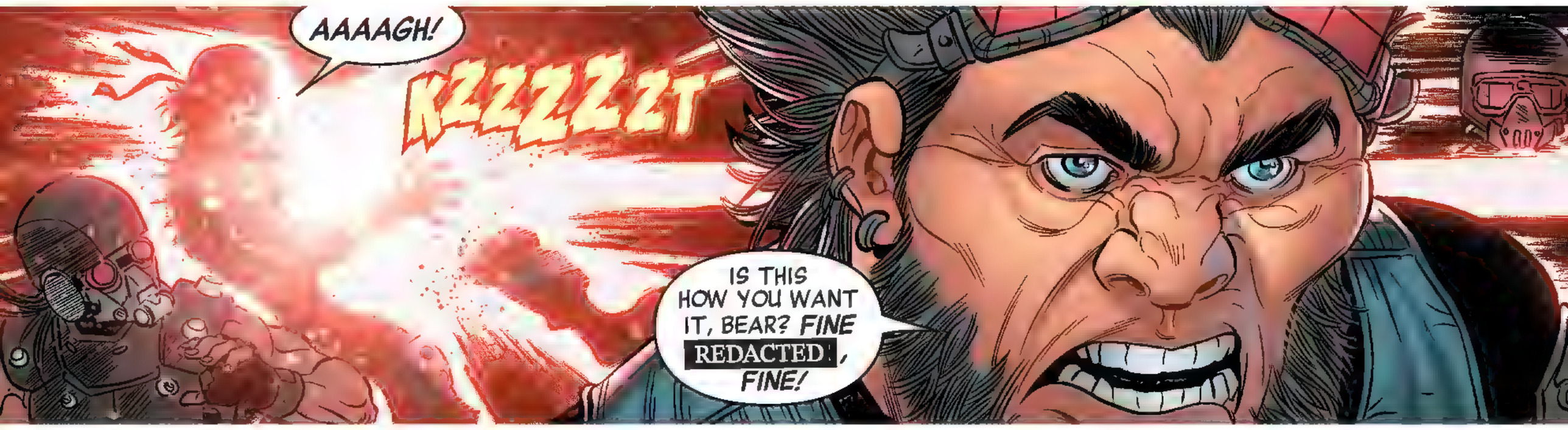

AAAAGH!
KZZZZZT
IS THIS HOW YOU WANT IT, BEAR? FINE REDACTED, FINE!

ZAMM
K-ZZAPP
ZORKK
LIGHT 'EM UP, BROTHERS!

THIS IS ON YOU, BEAR! I'M COMING FOR YOU!
BRING IT, MAN!

TRAITOR!

SELLOUT!

AAAAAGH!

UGH!

KRAKK

B-ZAMM

OH, YEAH. TOTAL *YOJIMBO.*

BREEP BREEP

HEY. COMMANDER DUGAN.

WHAT? SORRY? NO. I CAN'T HEAR. *AH,* HELL. JUST A SECOND.

KRAKK KZAP-ZAP URRRRRR

I DON'T WANT YOU, SOLO! I WANT STOKES! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TWO PLAYING AT?

-CRACKLE- WAIT -CRACKLE- GETTING -CRACKLE- WHERE PRIVATE.

SO, HERE'S THE THING. THE OP GOT A LITTLE... CHOPPY. BUT EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE FINE AS SOON AS--

WHAT OP? YOU HAVE NO OP. YOU'RE THERE TO EXTRACT STOKES.

BAMM ZZARK

WHERE THE HELL IS HE? HE MISSED HIS CHECK-IN. HE'S NOT ANSWERING COMMS.

YEAH. STOKES...

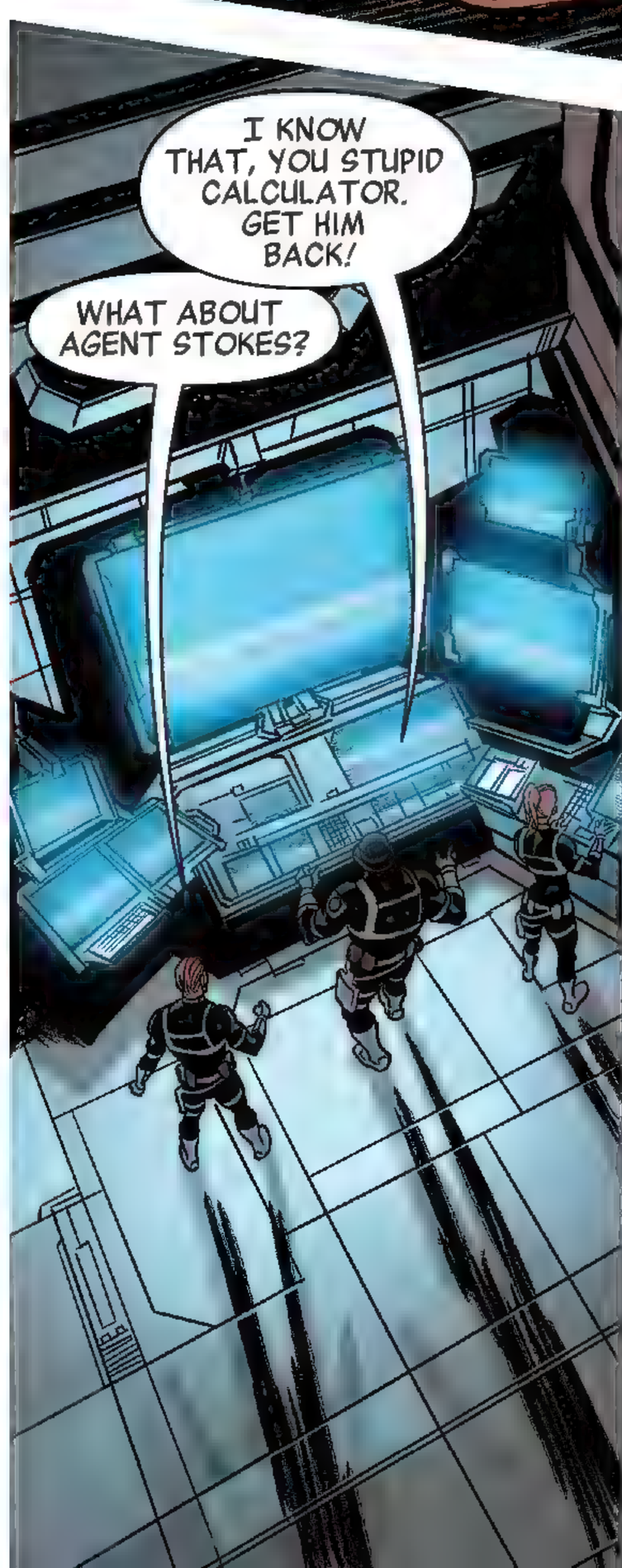
BAMM BAMM K-ZZAP

WELL, YEAH. ABOUT STOKES...THE THING ABOUT STOKES IS--

B-ZZAP K-ZAM

KER-SMASH

GAH!



JUST LAY DOWN, OLD MAN. YOU HAD THIS COMING FOR MONTHS!
LAY DOWN? FOR A LOW-END, BACKWOODS PUPPY LIKE YOU?

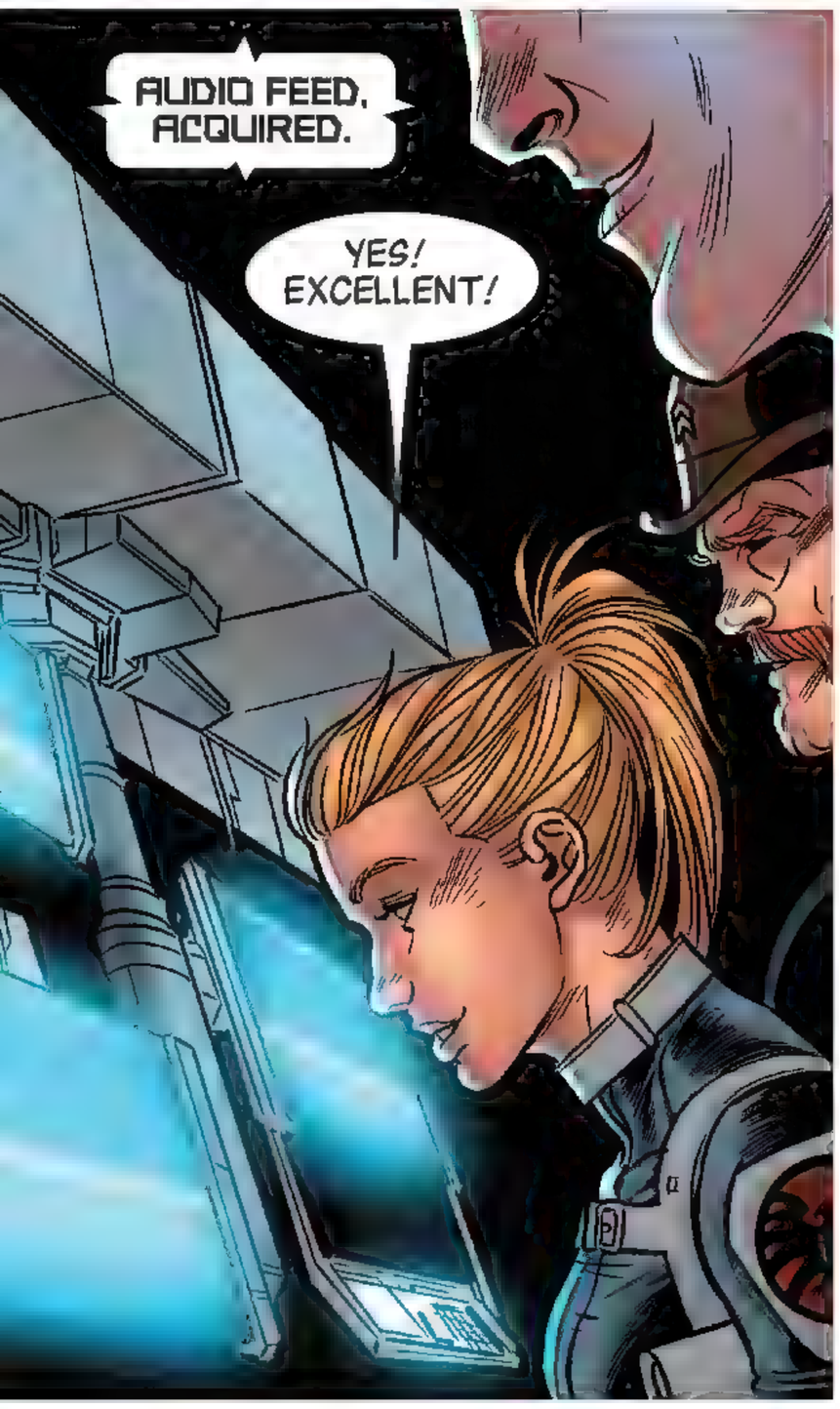
LAY DOWN OR FALL DOWN! DON'T MATTER TO ME!
Y'KNOW WHAT, LITTLE BROTHER?

ME NEITHER!
YEARGH!

WHAT DID I TELL YOU? WHAT DO I TELL ALL OF YOU? MY FAMILY! MY GAME! MY TRIBE! MY ZOO! THAT'S WHY I'M LEO, BABY! THE LION IS--

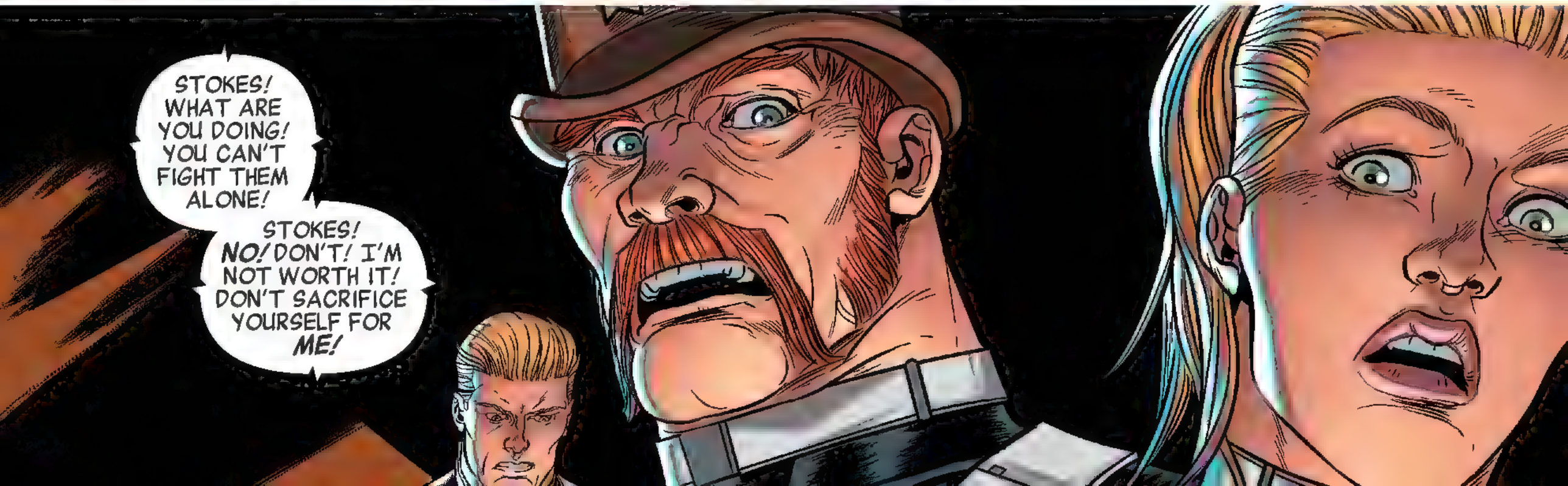
PHUT-PHUT

KLIK


AUDIO FEED, ACQUIRED.
YES! EXCELLENT!

SOLO! STOKES! WHAT'S HAPPENING?
...STOKES! GET...DOWN!

KID, YOU'RE BREAKING UP! SAY AGAIN.
ARGH! STOKES! I'M HIT! I'M HIT!

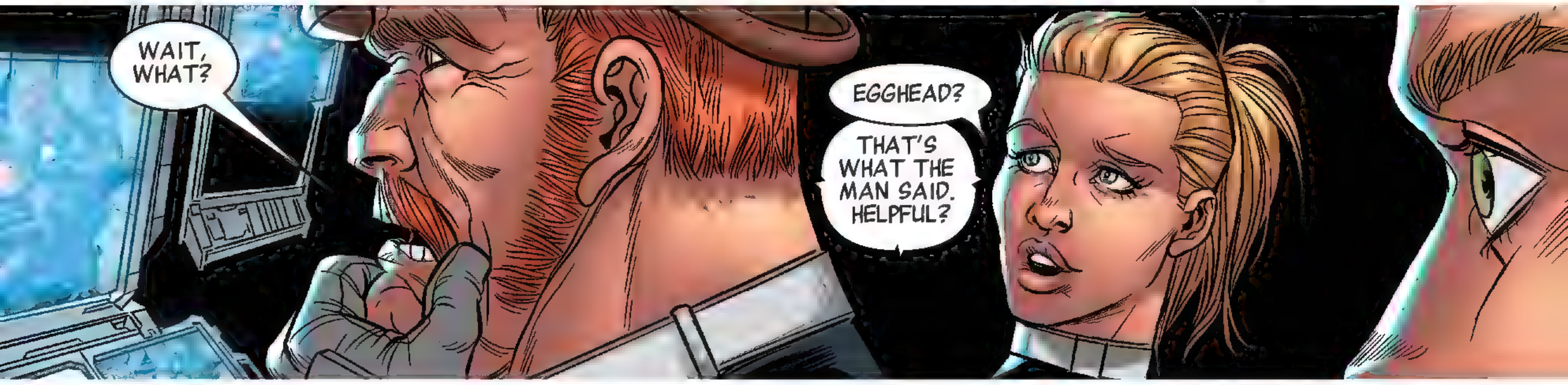

STOKES! WHAT ARE YOU DOING! YOU CAN'T FIGHT THEM ALONE!
STOKES! NO! DON'T! I'M NOT WORTH IT! DON'T SACRIFICE YOURSELF FOR ME!

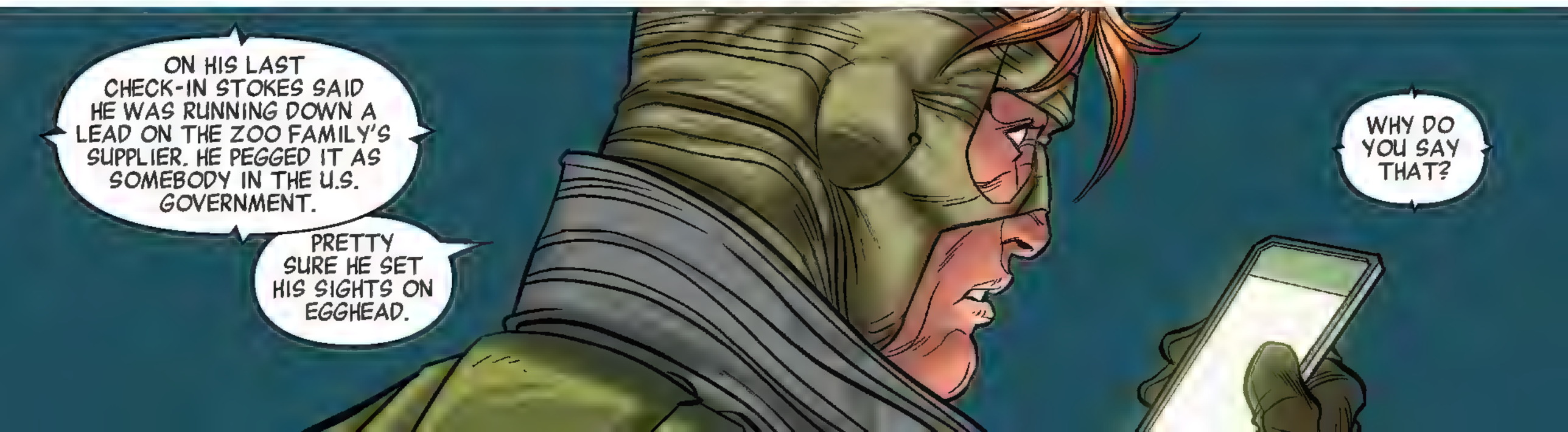
STOKES!
SOLO! FOR GOD'S SAKE, MAN! WHAT'S HAPPENING?

DUGAN? COMMANDER DUGAN? IS THAT YOU?
IT'S ME, KID. WHAT'S THE SITCH?

VISUAL FEED ACQUIRED.
IT'S BAD, DUGAN. STOKES... THINGS WENT SIDEWAYS. HE DIDN'T MAKE IT.
I'M GUESSING ABOUT HALF THE ZOO FAMILY IS ON ICE TOO BY NOW.

STOKES... HE WAS AMAZING. STAYED ON MISSION THE WHOLE TIME.
KID TURNED OUT TO BE A REAL AGENT AFTER ALL.
HIS LAST WORDS WERE, "TELL DUGAN... EGGHEAD."


WAIT, WHAT?
EGGHEAD?
THAT'S WHAT THE MAN SAID. HELPFUL?


ON HIS LAST CHECK-IN STOKES SAID HE WAS RUNNING DOWN A LEAD ON THE ZOO FAMILY'S SUPPLIER. HE PEGGED IT AS SOMEBODY IN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.
PRETTY SURE HE SET HIS SIGHTS ON EGGHEAD.
WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?

BECAUSE THAT'S WHO'S TEXTING THE ZOO FAMILY'S BOSS, RIGHT NOW.
Egghead: agreeing to zoo family terms.
Egghead: sending coordinates + timing for rendezvous.

Leo Zoo: need a face 2 face on this.
Egghead: negative. proxies only. stop.
SOLO. SOLO! WHAT'S HAPPENING? IS IT EGGHEAD OR NOT?

THAT'S A ROGER. EGGHEAD IS YOUR BOY.
STRANGE. EGGHEAD'S BEEN OFF THE GRID FOR A WHILE NOW. ODD TO SEE HIM POP UP THIS WAY.

YOU KNOW THESE EVIL GENIUS TYPES. YOU NEVER KNOW WHICH WAY THEY'RE GOING TO JUMP.
TRUE. TRUE. ALL RIGHT. WE'LL LOCATE HIM AND SCRAMBLE A TEAM.

GOOD WORK, SOLO. THANKS TO YOU, EGGHEAD'S LITTLE GUNRUNNING SCHEME IS AS GOOD AS SHUT DOWN.

SKANDIA. VORPAL MOUNTAINS.
EVERYONE AT THE ACADEMY SAID I WAS MAD!
THOSE PEDESTRIAN FOOLS! RICHARDS! THE STARKS! EVEN THAT BLOWHARD VON DOOM!

PLODDERS! MICROCEPHALOID WORKER BEES!
VILLAIN, AM I? RIDICULE MY WORK, WILL YOU? ALWAYS LAUGHING UP YOUR SLEEVES.

WELL, LAUGH ALL YOU WILL. LAUGH UNTIL YOU BURST. LAUGH AS YOU'VE NEVER LAUGHED BEFORE, BECAUSE THOSE WILL BE THE LAST LAUGHS YOU EVER LAUGHED.
WHEN MY NEWEST SCHEME BEARS ITS INEVITABLE FRUIT, THE ONLY ONE LAUGHING WILL BE EGGHEAD, MASTER OF THE WORLD!
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!
TO BE CONTINUED!

YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENS *NEXT?*

DON'T MISS SOLO *#4*

ZONE